

confess his right to supremacy. Luke clearly regards him as important; he fixes the beginning of his ministry with great precision. The gods of the contemporary mystery religions – and there were many – emerged in mythical splendour. John, and therefore Jesus, are firmly rooted in the daily world in which we all live. It's interesting that John's teaching, recorded by Luke in the verses that follow our Gospel this morning, is all about money and possessions. He teaches the practice of simplicity, of being able to say, 'I have enough', rather than a pattern of greed, which is never satisfied. Those who seek God's kingdom need to be pilgrims, ready to travel light. As we set out this Advent, are we ready to join them?

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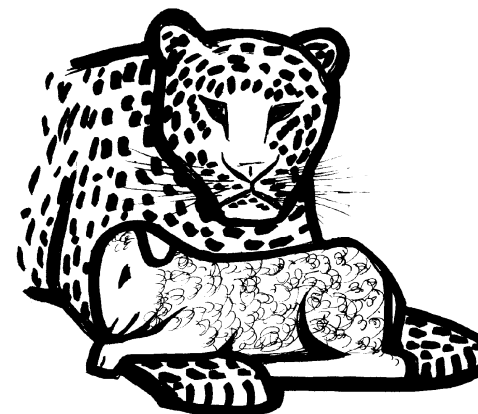
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All Saints, the Parish Church of St Ives



The Second Sunday of Advent

6 December 2015

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist. The Vicar
12.00 RBL WW1 Commemoration Service

Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

7 Mon	09.30	Said Eucharist
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
9 Wed	10.00	Requiem Eucharist (Gerald Hazell)
	14.00	Funeral of Gerald Hazell (in Church)
10 Thurs	09.30	Eucharist
	19.30	Choir Practice
11 Fri	09.30	Reconciliation Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY 13 December is The Third Sunday of Advent

10.15 Parish Eucharist The Vicar
 Please take this booklet with you when you leave

Welcome to All Saints today

If you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.

Large print copies and Gluten Free wafers are available for those who need them. Please speak to a steward.

Introduction to the Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church waits for the coming (adventus) of Christ, both in his incarnation and as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies therefore look forward not only to Christ's birth, but also to his final Coming, and challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 'Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty.' (Charles Wesley)

The characteristic note of Advent is expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under relentless commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness. Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice.

The Advent Wreath has four candles in a ring around a white candle. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white one on Christmas Day. The new candle each week is lit during the Prayers of Penitence

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Lectionary as used in the Church of England is: Advent 1 The Patriarchs, Advent 2 The Prophets, Advent 3 John the Baptist and Advent 4 The Virgin Mary.

NOTICES

Ely Mothers' Union Joins Global Campaign Against Gender-based

Violence The Mothers' Union in Ely Diocese will be joining members worldwide to campaign against Gender-Based Violence. Diocesan President, Susan Baker said: "The Mother's Union believes that it is really important to raise awareness of gender-based violence and to support victims in every community worldwide." During the Days of Activism against Gender Violence (25th Nov-10th Dec) the MU will have a small Christmas Tree in Church at the Lady Altar. You are invited to donate toiletries for the Womens Refuge.

Westfield School Volunteers Required Westfield School are looking for volunteers for an 1hr on a regular basis to listen to children read. If you think you are able to help please speak to Fr Mark.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 20 Dec	16.00	Festival of Lessons and Carols
CHRISTMAS EVE	16.00	Nativity from Scratch
	23.30	MIDNIGHT MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00	Sung Communion with blessing of toys

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

A newly appointed magistrate was being taken on a conducted tour of the local court. He was eager for instruction, and at every opportunity, asked 'What's that for? What's he for?' Eventually, in the middle of a case, the Clerk of the Court stood up to offer advice to the presiding magistrates. 'What's he for?' asked the young man. 'He's not for anything; he's against us.' replied his guide. John the Baptist has acquired a reputation for being 'against' everything and everybody – unfairly. His condemnation was for those who abused the system. And, faced with Jesus, he was the first to

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

Words: Charles Edward Oakley (1832—1865)
Tune *Little Cornard*: Martin Shaw (1875—1958)

Notices

¶ Please stand for **The Dismissal**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*
(Come now, Saviour of the Heathen)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685—1750)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN ST IVES: Today we remember our Rev Catherine Ball and the people of The Free Church. We ask for God's blessing on their lives, and pray that we may grow closer to him, so that we may grow closer to each other, for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

†**HE SICK:** Ella Nairn, Mick Bacon, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Gary James, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Elaine Bunnnett, Anne Spencer, Audrey, Philip, Muriel, Christopher, Paul, and Fr Jeff Vaughan

THE DEPARTED: Marion Finn, Gerald Hazell, John Long, Mervin Hutchcraft.

¶ The Gathering

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung as the Choir leads **The Introit**

Choir: *Out of darkness God has called us,
Claimed by Christ as God's own people.
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
Walking in God's marvellous light.*

*Let us take the Christ you give,
Broken Body Christ we live.
Christ the risen from the tomb:
Christ who calls us as your own.*

**All: Out of darkness God has called us,
Claimed by Christ as God's own people.
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
Walking in God's marvellous light.**

Words and Music: Christopher Walker (b.1947)

¶ Remain standing to sing **The Processional Hymn**

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702—1751)
Tune *Bristol*: from Thomas Ravenscroft's Psalter (1621)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayers of Penitence
at The Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The second Advent candle is lit.

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.



Cantor: Lord____ have mer - cy,
All: Lord____ have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.

That lead to the everlasting life you prepare for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Come upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Final Hymn**

Hills of the north, rejoice;
River and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblessed,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

¶ Please stand for **The Post Communion Prayer**

The priest introduce a period of silent prayer with the words
Let us pray.

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

¶ **The Dismissal**

¶ Remain standing for **The Acclamation**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Dismissal Gospel**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near. (*Luke 21: 28*)

At the end the reader says:
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Remain standing for **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lord, have mercy on your people.
Grant us in this life the good things



Cantor: Christ__ have mer - cy,
All: Christ__ have mer - cy.

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.



Cantor: Lord__ have mer - cy,
All: Lord__ have mer - cy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be
destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ Remain standing for **The Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously
hindered in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

¶ Please sit for **The First Reading** (Malachi 3: 1—4)

At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Canticle** (*The Benedictus*)
and join in singing the response

Martin Everett



Bles-sed be the Lord, the God of Is - rael.____

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David. (*Response*)

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant. (*Response*)

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. (*Response*)

And you, child shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins. (*Response*)

In the tender compassion of our Lord
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (*Response*)

¶ *Remain seated for* **The Second Reading** (Philippians 1: 3—11)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward when directed by a steward. Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the Love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to receive communion at this service.

¶ *Remain seated or kneeling to sing* **The Communion Hymn**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the Body and the Blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most high!

Words: from the Liturgy of St James (probably c.400),
translated by Gerard Moultrie (1829 – 1885)

Tune *Picardy*: French carol melody, collected by Julien Tiersot (1857—1936)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ *Please sit or kneel for the* **Lamb of God**

whilst the Altar Party receive the Sacrament, the cantor leads the singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please repeat the responses as indicated:

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



Cantor: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

All: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.____

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



Cantor: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us:____

All: Have__ mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.____

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,



Cantor: Grant us peace,

All: Grant us peace, grant__ us peace.____

The Gospel Acclamation

¶ *Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader*



Cantor: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight
And all humankind shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia (as above)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Gospel Reading** (Luke 3: 1—6)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Please sit for* **The Sermon**

The Revd Mark Amey, Vicar

¶ Please stand for **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

It is customary to bow the head for the next three lines:

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, the Martyrs and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

¶ Remain standing for **The Lord's Prayer**

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Praise to you Lord Jesus.



Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

¶ Please sit or kneel for The Intercessory Prayers

The priest introduces the Prayers by saying:

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus.

*The intercessor leads the people in prayer
and at the end of each petition says:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

The people respond by singing:



At the end of the prayers the intercessor says:

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Silence is kept after which the priest leads the concluding prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever

Amen.

¶ Please stand for The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ *Remain standing to sing* **The Offertory Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever; that name to us is Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771—1854)
Tune *Crüger*: Johannes Crüger (1598—1662),
adapted by William Henry Monk (1823—1889)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayer Over the Gifts**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
For the praise and glory of his name
For our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Lord, we are nothing without you.
As you sustain us with your mercy,
Receive our prayers and offerings.
Amen.

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (F)**



The Lord be__ with you **And al - so__ with you.**

Lift____ up your hearts **We lift them to__ the Lord__**

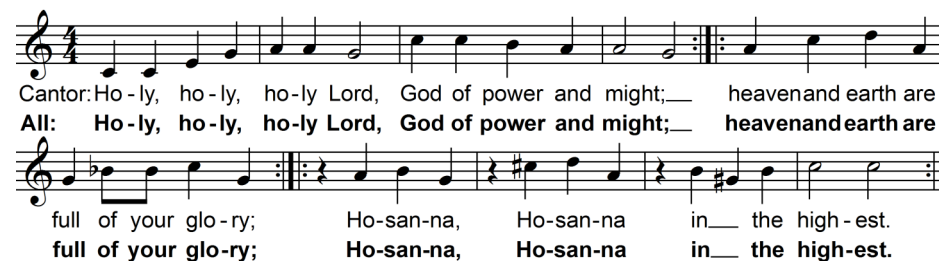
Let us give thanks__ to____ the Lord__ our God

It is right to give thanks__ and praise__

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:



Cantor: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might;__ heaven and earth are
All: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might;__ heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in__ the high - est.
full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in__ the high - est.

Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
All: **Hosanna** (*as above*)